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ذَلِكَ الْكِتَابُ لاَ رَيْبَ فِيهِ هُدًى لِّلْمُتَّقِينَ

This is the Book; in it is guidance sure, without doubt, to those who fear Allah

Al-Humazah

Revealed in Makkah

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَـنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

وَيْلٌ لِّكُلِّ هُمَزَةٍ لُّمَزَةٍ

104:1 Woe to every Humazah Lumazah.

الَّذِى جَمَعَ مَالاً وَعَدَّدَهُ

104:2 Who has gathered wealth and counted it.

يَحْسَبُ أَنَّ مَالَهُ أَخْلَدَهُ

104:3 He thinks that his wealth will make him last forever!

كَلاَّ لَيُنبَذَنَّ فِى الْحُطَمَةِ

104:4 But no! Verily, he will be thrown into Al-Hutamah.

وَمَآ أَدْرَاكَ مَا الْحُطَمَةُ

104:5 And what will make you know what Al-Hutamah is,

نَارُ اللَّهِ الْمُوقَدَةُ

104:6 The fire of Allah, Al-Muqadah,

الَّتِى تَطَّلِعُ عَلَى الاٌّفْئِدَةِ

104:7 Which leaps up over the hearts.

إِنَّهَا عَلَيْهِم مُّؤْصَدَةٌ

104:8 Verily, it shall Mu'sadah upon them,

فِى عَمَدٍ مُّمَدَّدَةِ

104:9 In pillars stretched forth.

Allah Says:

9وَيْلٌ لِّكُلِّ هُمَزَةٍ لُّمَزَةٍ (١)

Woe to every **Humazah Lumazah**.

> **Al-Hammaz** refers to (slander) by speech, and **Al-Lammaz** refers to (slander) by action.
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> This means that the person finds fault with people and belittles them. An explanation of this has already preceded in the discussion of Allah's statement,
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> هَمَّازٍ مَّشَّآءِ بِنَمِيمٍ
>
> **Hammaz**, going about with slander (68:11)

Ibn Abbas said,

> "**Humazah Lumazah** means one who reviles and disgraces (others).''

Mujahid said,

> "**Al-Humazah** is with the hand and the eye, and **Al-Lumazah** is with the tongue.''

Then Allah says,

الَّذِي جَمَعَ مَالًا وَعَدَّدَهُ (٢)

Who has gathered wealth and counted it.

meaning, he gathers it piling some of it on top of the rest and he counts it up.

This is similar to Allah's saying,

فَأَوْعَى وَجَمَعَ (And collect (wealth) and hide it.) (70:18)

This was said by As-Suddi and Ibn Jarir.

Muhammad bin Ka`b said concerning Allah's statement, جَمَعَ مَالاً وَعَدَّدَهُ (gathered wealth and counted it).

"His wealth occupies his time in the day, going from this to that. Then when the night comes he sleeps like a rotting corpse.''

Then Allah says,

يَحْسَبُ أَنَّ مَالَهُ أَخْلَدَهُ (٣)

He thinks that his wealth will make him last forever!

meaning, he thinks that gathering wealth will make him last forever in this abode (the worldly life).

كَلَّا ...

But no!

meaning, the matter is not as he claims, nor as he reckons.

Then Allah says,

...لَيُنبَذَنَّ فِي الْحُطَمَةِ (٤)

Verily, he will be thrown into **Al-Hutamah**.

meaning, the person who gathered wealth and counted it, will be thrown into **Al-Hutamah**, which is

one of the descriptive names of the Hellfire. This is because it crushes whoever is in it.

Thus, Allah says,

وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا الْحُطَمَةُ (٥)

نَارُ اللَّهِ الْمُوقَدَةُ (٦)

الَّتِي تَطَّلِعُ عَلَى الْأَفْئِدَةِ (٧)

And what will make you know what **Al-Hutamah** is?

The fire of Allah, **Al-Muqadah**, which leaps up over the hearts.

Thabit Al-Bunani said,

"It will burn them all the way to their hearts while they are still alive.''

Then he said,

"Indeed the torment will reach them.''

Then he cried.

Muhammad bin Ka`b said,

"It (the Fire) will devour every part of his body until it reaches his heart and comes to the level of his throat, then it will return to his body.''

Concerning Allah's statement,

إِنَّهَا عَلَيْهِم مُّؤْصَدَةٌ (٨)

Verily, it shall **Mu'sadah** upon them.

meaning, covering, just as was mentioned in the Tafsir of Surah Al-Balad (see 90:20).

Then Allah says,

فِي عَمَدٍ مُّمَدَّدَةٍ (٩)

In pillars stretched forth.

Atiyah Al-`Awfi said, "Pillars of Iron.''

As-Suddi said, "Made of fire.''

Al-`Awfi reported from Ibn `Abbas,

> "He will make them enter pillars stretched forth, meaning there will be columns over them, and they will have chains on their necks, and the gates (of Hell) will be shut upon them.''

This is the end of the Tafsir of Surah **Al-Humazah**, and all praise and thanks are due to Allah.